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1. EMBASSY CONTINUES SURPRISED AT RELATIVELY SMALL LEVEL OF KNOWN MEAT IMPORTS BY USSR THIS YEAR. AGATTACHE'S OFFICE CHECK WITH OTHER EMBASSY CONTACTS IN MOSCOW REVEALS FOLLOWING KNOWN CY 1976 USSR MEAT IMPORT COMMITMENTS IN M/T:

AUSTRALIA 12,000 - BONED BEEF

NEW ZEALAND 16,000 - BONED BEEF (NEW TRADE)
9,000 - CARCASS MUTTON (NEW TRADE)
25,000 - CARCASS BEEF
10,000 - CARCASS MUTTON

HUNGARY 26,000 - CARCASS BEEF

FINLAND 24,700 - PORK AND BEEF

FRANCE 10,000 - BEEF

TOTAL ---------- 32,700

2. WE HAVE HEARD SECOND-HAND THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS SOLD AN
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UNKNOWN NUMBER OF BEEF ANIMALS TO USSR AND KNOW THAT THERE

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HAVE BEENPOULTRY MEAT IMPORTS FROM OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND EXPECT THIS IS CASE FOR RED MEATS OR LIVE ANIMALS AS WELL. HAVE HAD NO SUCCESS TO DATE GETTING FACTS ON ANY FURTHER TRANSACTIONS, INCLUDING RED CHINA -- IF ANY -- BUT WILL KEEP TRYING.

3. NO INFORMATION HERE ON CLOSING OF EITHER ARGENTINE OR FRENCH CONTRACTS, BUT ARGENTINE SOURCE RECENTLY SAID THAT TALKS STILL CONTINUING.

4. FINNS INDICATED THAT SOVIETS WERE ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN LARGER QUANTITIES, BUT THAT GOF WAS UNABLE OFFER. AUSTRALIAN SOURCE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FURTHER TRADE THIS YEAR IN VIEW NEW ZEALAND'S RECENT SALES TO SOVIET UNION.
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